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- 50. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an isolated mammalian Bcl-xL binding protein, wherein said nucleotide sequence hybridizes to the complement of a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes a Bcl-xL binding protein in 6X SSC at 45°C, followed by one or more washes in 0.2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 50-65°C.
- 51. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an isolated mammalian Bcl-xL binding protein as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

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- 52. A nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an isolated mammalian Bcl-xL binding domain, wherein said domain is a fragment of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 51.
- 53. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 52 wherein the isolated Bcl-xL binding domain consists of amino acids 419-559 or amino acids 429-559 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 54. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 49, wherein said isolated mammalian Bcl-xL binding protein modulates apoptosis.

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- 55. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 50, wherein said isolated mammalian Bcl-xL binding protein modulates aportosis.
- 56. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of daim 51, wherein said isolated mammalian Bcl-xL binding protein modulates apoptosis.

57. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 49, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a fusion protein.

58. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 50, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a fusion protein.

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59. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 51, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a fusion protein.

60. A neural cell line stably expressing a heterologous Pablo polypeptide or an isolated Bcl-xL binding protein set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

61. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a heterologous nucleotide sequence encoding an isolated mammalian fusion protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the protein modulates apoptosis.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 93, at line 23, replace "reported" with - -predicted- -.

On page 93, at line 24, delete "and to methods of its use".

On page 93, at line 26, delete "from the brain".

## **REMARKS**

The claims are 43-44 and 49-61. Claims 22-42 and 45-48 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner in Paper No. 19 as drawn to an unelected Group. New claims